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DOZENS NABBED IN MAJOR SWEEP THANKS TO HARTFORD'S NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING PLAN

(August 26, 2005)--- Mayor Eddie Perez and Police Chief Patrick Harnett have announced a major crackdown on crime in Hartford. Dozens of people are now under arrest for drug violations after a major citywide crime sweep.

Mayor Perez says, "This is a excellent example of how Hartford's Neighborhood Policing Plan is taking action in every corner of every community. We are not going to tolerate a small group of criminals ruining the quality of life for the vast majority of our residents. This is a city, state, and federal operation that shows how cooperation produces results."

Statistics show that overall violent crime in Hartford is down almost 12 percent compared to this time last year. Mayor Perez attributes the positive strides being made in public safety to the hard work of the brave men and women of the Hartford Police Department as well as to the dedication of parents, clergy, educators, and other community leaders.

Mayor Perez says, "We all have a role and a responsibility when it comes to the safety of our neighborhoods. From the City providing leadership, to residents providing confidential and crucial information to investigators--- working together will significantly reduce crime, and today is living proof of that."